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SUBJ: SAN JOSE CONFERENCE (CUBA ASPECTS)

FOR ASST SEC ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. FON SEC JIMENEZ CALLED ME IN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN VISITED BY SPECIAL MEXICAN EMISSARY EARLIER IN DAY WHO HAD ALSO MADE DEMARCHE RE THE CUBAN QUESTION AT SAN JOSE. JIMENEZ SHOWED ME TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION WHICH HE SAID MEXICAN EMISSARY HAD GIVEN HIM. TWO OPERATIVE ARTICLES OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONSISTED OF (1) STRONG NON-INTERVENTION STATEMENT AND (2) THREE VARIATIONS OF THE "FREEDOM OF ACTION" CONCEPT. AS I RECALL BASED ON QUICK READING, THE FIRST VARIATION STATED THAT EACH NATION IS FREE TO PURSUE ITS RELATIONS WITH CUBA AS IT INTERESTS DICTATE; THE SECOND THAT HENCEFORTH RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL OAS NATIONS AND CUBA WOULD BE BILATERAL MATTER; AND THE THIRD, THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL OAS NATIONS AND CUBA ARE A BILATERAL MATTER.

2. JIMENEZ INQUIRED WHETHER PROPOSED TEXT HAD USG SUPPORT. I REPLIED THAT I HAD NOT SEEN ANY SPECIFIC TEXT BUT, AS I HAD INFORMED HIM EARLIER, THE TWO SUBSTANTIVE POINTS OF THE PROPOSED TEXT, I.E. A STRONG NON-INTERVENTION STATEMENT AND A "FREEDOM OF ACTION" FORMULA HAD OUR SUPPORT. I REITERATED THAT WE DID NOT INTEND TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS MATTER.

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3. JIMENEZ THEN SAID THAT I COULD INFORM DEPT THAT GODR SUPPORTED BOTH SUBSTANTIVE POINTS, STRONGLY PREFERRED THE FIRST OF THE THREE VARIATIONS OF THE PROPOSED TEXT ON "FREEDOM OF ACTION" THE MEXICAN HAD GIVEN HIM, AND REGARDED THE WHOLE PROCESS REGARDING CUBA ENVISAGED AT SAN JOSE BY THE USG AS "VERY INTELLIGENT AND CLEVER."
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